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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, applicant has now renumbered the claims and it is believed that it is in full compliance with 37 CFR §1.126.

The original Preliminary Amendment of April 1, 1999 had cancelled the original Claims 1-92 and added new Claims 93-130. The Notice of Allowance had indicated Claims 91-130 had been renumbered as Claims 1-38 on October 22, 2002.

Subsequently, after the filing of an RCE, an Office Action was issued on February 27, 2003, rejecting Claims 1-38. Accordingly, the response to the Office Action adopted the Claims 1-40 as identified in the Office Action.

The current renumbering of the claims is believed to place the case in condition for allowance and an early notification of the same is requested.

If there are any questions with regards to this matter, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

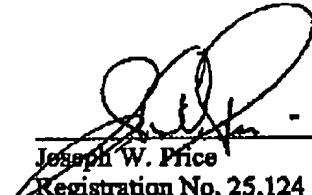
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